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UK ISLAND DISPUTE EXPECTED TO BE SETTLED SHORTLY

PY010220 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 2130 GMT 31 Mar 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 31 Mar (NA) -- Within the next 48 hours, as of midnight tonight, the Argentine dispute with Great Britain will reportedly be settled. The president has analyzed a number of options submitted to him by a group of four officials from the Foreign Ministry headed by Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez. Two alternatives have been submitted as probable paths that may be taken to resolve the issue. One is through diplomatic channels and the other is a path where words will not be used.

It has been learned that during his latest meeting with British Ambassador Anthony Williams, Costa Mendez handed him a short document. This document stated that Argentina would not tolerate the group of workers that are currently on South Georgia being removed by force. The short communique did not outline any solutions, but was simply a warning that measures of a direct nature would most likely be taken if an attempt is made to remove the workers.

Great Britain has not answered the document yet. It is believed an answer may be given within the next few hours. It is believed at some staff headquarters that if this answer is delayed much longer, Argentina might take other measures. It seems that the old Malvinas issue has reached a critical stage that calls for a short-term settlement. Asked his opinion on the subject, a high-level military source noted: "If I had to make up a headline for a newspaper regarding the conflict, I would say that it is about to conclude."

It is conceded at the Foreign Ministry that the most reasonable alternative would be to reach a diplomatic agreement. This will presumably take place after the British answer is made known. It is also thought that this reply might refer to the topic of the white cards that Argentine workers have -- that were opportunely given to them by the enterprise -- but which do not have the appropriate authorization of the British authorities. The sources that were consulted believe Great Britain might suggest the presence of an official at the place where the work is being carried out in order to okay the cards. However, this possibility would be ruled out if the workers oppose this British control.

As of that moment, the situation of the men -- who, it must be remembered, have raised a flag on the island -- would cause the conflict to rise to another scale of tension. However, another fact must be added: Together with the answer, Great Britain must enclose an agenda scheduling monthly rounds of negotiations, making it clear that it will discuss the subject of sovereignty over the Malvinas in each round. Thus far, the British have always been reticent about discussing this subject. They are rather inclined to keep this from being discussed once they have obtained some sort of understanding on mutual cooperation regarding economic matters. Thus, when about to reach a peak, settlement does not seem difficult to accomplish.

The extenuating pace of the talks make one believe, however, that further obstacles could appear. Should this happen, the authorities would be determined to prevent any sort of delay. Thus, within this context another of the top priority options that were submitted by the Foreign Ministry must be taken into account. It must be pointed out that the offer made by the U.S. ambassador to mediate has been received, but it has not been accepted. This means the settlement, whether by the diplomatic path or by other means, will be an exclusively bilateral action.

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[Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez' address to protocol session of OAS in Washington on 5 April -- recorded]

[Text] Ambassadors and Representatives. Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am grateful to the president for his words inspired more by friendship than by [word indistinct], and to the council for the honor bestowed upon me by receiving me here this afternoon. I would also like to be excused for a personal expression of the emotion and nostalgia that I feel this afternoon here. More than 14 years ago I was here in this hall for a protocol session to tell you about Argentina's position in America. Also this hall and this organization remind me of days which are perhaps among the happiest in my lifetime and among those of which I feel most proud. Those were the days when it fell upon me [words indistinct] which modified the OAS Charter.

Finally, I do want to mention here that when I became foreign minister on 22 December 1981 I pointed out that Latin America is a priority in the Argentine foreign policy. Latin America is our priority; it is the context of our [words indistinct]. I repeated this concept and noted the priority of Latin America in the Argentine foreign policy and to what extent America, America as a whole, is the to number one [words indistinct].

Today, I will address a concrete and definite question, because I want you, our brothers, to be duly informed through the representative of the Argentine Government about the real situation and the truth in this old dispute which causes so much distress to us today.

Argentina recovered the Argentine territory of the Malvinas Islands on 2 April. The background of this old dispute is well known by this organization. On many occasions, the fraternal nations of America have adopted the cause of the Malvinas as the common cause of the Americas in a demonstration of moving solidarity. However, it does not seem unnecessary to me to make a review to bring the topic into focus.

In 1833 the British fleet by force routed the Argentine population and authorities from the Malvinas Islands. At that time they violated on the islands the legitimate rights of the then young Argentine nation as an heir of Spain. That illegitimate takeover created no legal right, and politically it reflected the imperialistic behavior of the European powers of the 19th century in America, Asia and Africa.

The topic of the Malvinas Islands is a colonial topic, and we have always treated it so and so did this organization as well, thus eliciting the constant and invariable solidarity of all the nations of our region. Nor has Great Britain denied such a character to this topic, so much so that it was placed under the ministry of colonies. The United Nations treated the topic in the same way ever since it began to deal with the question of nonautonomous territories. The Republic of Argentina never consented to that seizure of part of its territory, and it has been demanding from Great Britain due reparation for such injury since 1833. Over the past 149 years, all the Argentine Governments have maintained solidly and continuously the same position of protest against the arbitrary occupation.

The Malvinas question has been a permanent element of strain in Argentine-British relations, and at times it disturbed them seriously, all the more seriously since from the days of our independence those relations have been greatly important on account of intense trade, industrial complementation and ample financial cooperation between the two countries.

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PA0314?4 Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in Spanish 1730 GMT 31 Mar 82

[Text] Seven Latin American countries decided today, prior to the adjournment of the Inter-American Development Bank [IDB] governors' assembly, to form a common front to aid Central America. The bloc is composed of Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Venezuela, Chile, Peru and Colombia. The creation of the bloc came as a result of a strategy proposed after the polarization of criteria by the United States, which presented the possibility of restricting the IDB's resources between 1983 and 1986.

The countries tacitly accepted the possibility of giving priority to channeling resources to the poorer nations of lesser relative economic development. They also said they will surrender their participation in the so-called special operating funds which makes loans under favorable conditions. During 1981 this fund lent $7,642 million. The seven countries used $3,144 million of this fund. This volume of resources, starting in 1983, would be channeled to six Central American nations headed by Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador.

In a summation presented at the adjourment of the assembly of IDB governors here in Cartagena, IDB President Antonio Ortiz Mena said he is confident that an agreement will be reached regarding the holding of the sixth meeting on 1 July in Berlin. Finance Minister Eduardo Wiesner said that if no agreement is reached in Berlin in July, there will be a later governor's meeting in Toronto, Canada. Another consideration was Panama's offer to host the 24th Governors' Assembly in 1983.

The Latin American bloc discarded the possibility that there are political interests involved in the granting of credit by the institution, or that there will be private use of the IDB, Ortiz Mena said.

BRIEFS

SURINAME-GUYANA FERRY -- Paramaribo, Suriname, 24 Mar (CANA) -- The European Development Fund (EDF) is to provide Suriname with 10 million dollars (U.S.) for the construction of a ferry boat to operate between Guyana and Suriname on the Corentyne River. The boat will operate from Corriverton on the Guyana side to Nickerie, Suriname's second town. At a recent meeting here of the joint commissions of the two countries, agreement was reached in principle as to the mooring sites on both sides of the river. It is understood that each crossing will take 40 minutes. The meeting of the joint commission was attended by a representative of the European Development Fund. [Text] [Bridgetown CANA in English 1520 GMT 24 Mar 82 FL]

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OAS MEETING ON MALVINAS CONFLICT POSTPONED

PY082132 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1925 GMT 8 Apr 82

[Excerpt] Washington, 8 Apr (TELAM) -- With the acquiescence of Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay today forced the suspension of a debate on the Malvinas situation by the OAS. The OAS Permanent Council postponed the debate until Monday after receiving a draft resolution offering the good offices of the OAS for a rapproachement between Argentina and Great Britain which was presented by Colombia with the support of Ecuador and Costa Rica. In previous consultations, the Argentine delegation let it be known that it did not consider opportune at this time any action by the OAS because the debate of the question could give occasion for pronouncements that would disturb negotiations underway. However, a harsh debate about regulations preceded the decision to suspend the meeting; a decision adopted by just one vote more than necessary.

TWO COUNTRIES ANNOUNCE SUPPORT FOR OAS MEDIATION

PA070300 Paris AFP in Spanish 1441 GMT 7 Apr 82

[Text] Bogota, 7 Apr (AFP) -- Today it was learned that El Salvador and the Dominican Republic announced today that they advocate OAS mediation in the conflict between Argentina and Great Britain over the Malvinas. A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in Bogota said today those two countries' governments decided to support OAS mediation because they believe it is one of the most effective mechanisms for resolving conflicts. OAS mediation in the Malvinas Islands crisis was proposed on Tuesday by Colombia, Costa Rica and Ecuador, when they requested an emergency meeting of the OAS Permanent Council in Washington. A draft resolution was presented to the council proposing that the OAS interpose its "good offices" in search of a peaceful solution to the Anglo-Argentine dispute.

The organization will apparently meet at 1500 GMT tomorrow, but it is believed that in view of the discussion that will follow the presentation of the initiative, voting on it will not take place before Monday morning.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that it is hoped that this first specific peace proposal for solving the Malvinas Islands conflict will be supported by a large majority of the Latin American countries. In fact, it was learned that Venezuela, which announced its support for Argentina, has declared its satisfaction with the OAS mediation proposal made by Colombia, Ecuador and Costa Rica.

ARGENTINE C. AMERICA ROLE 'EMBARRASSES' U.S.

PM081509 Paris LE MONDE in French 8 Apr 82 p 7

[Marcel Niedergang dispatch: "The Argentine Leaders Have Apparently Agreed To Take Part in a Possible 'Inter-American Peace Force' in Central America"]

[Text] Mexico City -- The plan for a possible U.S. intervention in Central America drawn up by the Reagan administration makes provision for large-scale participation by Argentina. According to information gathered from authoritative sources, secret talks took place in Buenos Aires in early March between American and Argentine experts in order to draw up a very accurate definition of the official and secret forms of Argentine military participation in possible operations in Central America. Those talks followed the visit to Buenos Aires of senior U.S. military officials and the chief of staff of the Inter-American Defense Board. General Caltieri, Argentine Government chief, apparently gave his agreement to that plan.

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PROPOSAL ON WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS REVEALED 12 APR

PY121758 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 1800 GMT 12 Apr 82

[By Santiago Gonzalez]

[Excerpts] Buenos Aires, 12 Apr (LATIN-REUTER) -- According to Argentine Foreign Ministry sources today, Argentina has offered to withdraw its troops from the Malvinas Islands if the British Fleet stops advancing toward the South Atlantic and recognizes Argentine sovereignty over the archipelago. The sources indicated this was the proposal carried today to London by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig from his mission in Buenos Aires aimed at preventing a war between Great Britain and Argentina over the islands.

The sources added that the plan included the offer to place the Malvinas under an Argentine civilian, and not military, government and to give the 1,800 inhabitants of British origin participation in the government. If the UK accepts the proposal, Argentina will withdraw its 9,000 soldiers from the Malvinas Islands and will accept a temporary administration with the participation of NATO.

The sources added that simultaneously Buenos Aires and London should negotiate the final aspects concerning Argentine sovereignty over the islands.

Four-Point Plan

PY131046 Paris AFP in Spanish 1023 GMT 13 Apr 82

[Text] New York, 13 Apr (AFP) -- Argentina last night submitted to the UN Security Council a 4-point plan for withdrawing its troops from the Malvinas Islands. The announcement was made by Anuncio Jorge Herrera, who is the third highest ranking man in the Argentine delegation to the United Nations.

Answering questions on the U.S. ABC television network, Herrera said the conditions demanded by Argentina, which have to be implemented simultaneously, are: that the British armada stop moving toward the Malvinas; that Great Britain lift the blockade around the Malvinas; that all commercial embargoes against Argentina be lifted; and that Great Britain not restore a colonial regime on the islands and not reestablish the status quo.

The Former British minister for Latin American affairs, Lord Chalfont, who was also interviewed on ABC, stated that if Argentina withdraws, Great Britain could make some concessions, such as stopping the fleet heading and temporarily lifting the blockade around the islands. Lord Chalfont, who was a negotiator on the Malvinas question in 1978, explained that he was only expressing his personal views, not those of the British Government.

He added that it was very difficult to consider as hostile acts the economic measures adopted against Argentine in light of the resolution of the UN Security Council. He recalled that other countries in addition to Great Britain had imposed an economic embargo. He said that in his view the question of sovereignty of the Malvinas was negotiable, but on the condition that Argentina pull out its troops.

Unaware of Haig Call

PY121609 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1555 GMT 12 Apr 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 12 Apr (NA) -- Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez said today on his return to the Foreign Ministry from Government House that he and President Galtieri had briefed the cabinet on the present situation that has been created by the UK. He said he had no knowledge of a call from London from U.S. Secretary of State Haig, but he said that "the negotiations are continuing." He said that "Argentina is ready to repel any attack."

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PY132215 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 2052 GMT 13 Apr 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 13 Apr (NA) -- A reliable air force source today disclosed that some British submarines have already been detected in southern waters and noted that the greatest danger to the airlift from the mainland to the Malvinas could come from surface ships equipped with surface-to-air missiles.

The air force officer said the presence of submarines "does not jeopardize Operation H -- the transportation of troops and ammunition to the islands." He also reported that approximately 100 flights are being made daily with C-130 Hercules aircraft, twin-turboprop Fokker F-27, twin-turbojet Fokker F-28, 737 jetplanes of the Argentine Airlines and Chinook helicopters. The planes take off from bases at Rio Gallegos, Comodoro Rivadavia and Rio Grande, in Tierra del Fuego, and the operations are supervised by Brig Gen Enrique Ramon Valenzuela, commander of the El Palomar-based 1st Air Brigade.

Air force source said that in case the British surface ships take action against the planes, "the appropriate strategic actions have already been planned."

It has also been reported that air force planes have "planted sonar buoys" in the region surrounding the Malvinas Islands, that is, floating devices equipped with sonar devices to detect the movement of submarines.

UK Fleet Off Guinea

PY131828 Buenos Aires International Service in English 1630 GMT 13 Apr 82

[Text] Over 24 hours after the initiation of Great Britain's blockade round the Malvinas Islands, and over a week since the main part of the fleet sailed from English ports, no incidents or actions have taken place that might lead to a military confrontation between the two countries. The English fleet was sighted yesterday off the African coast of Guinea from Conakry, and according to the information received, if the present speed is kept up, the fleet might reach the theater of operations before the 21st of this month.

Navy To Avoid Incidents

PY140448 Paris AFP in Spanish 2357 GMT 13 Apr 82

[Excerpts] Buenos Aires, 13 Apr (AFP) -- A high-ranking responsible Argentine military officer stated here today that the Argentine Navy will avoid any incident with British units while U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig continues his good offices mission.

According to the same source, none of the Argentine ships are currently within the 200 mile (370 km) limit around the Malvinas Islands, decreed a war zone by the British, with the exception of some units anchored at Puerto Rivero (ex-Port Stanley). The remainder of the fleet will continue patrol tasks. At the moment they will not have occasion to come into contact with the British fleet, which will not reach the region before the beginning of next week.

Regarding the blockade of the islands, it is now limited to the ominous presence of four British submarines, two of which are nuclear-powered. Argentine Navy tracker and Neptune planes are reportedly operating in the zone, trying to detect the submarines.

Rio Gallegos Air Support

PY140105 Paris AFP in Spanish 0003 GMT 14 Apr 82

[Excerpts] Buenos Aires, 13 Apr (AFP) -- Naval forces admitted as "possible" here today the planting by Argentina of sonar buoys around the area of maritime exclusion imposed by Great Britain in the South Atlantic.

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PY142320 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 2308 GMT 14 Apr 82

["Communique No 22"]

[Text] Buenos Aires, 14 Apr (TELAM) -- "The military junta, in view of several reports regarding the tenor of the negotiations being carried out with Great Britain, reports to the public that the only valid and responsible information is the official information.

"The basic concepts on this matter were given to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig by Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez before his departure for London and these concepts are still in force and have not been changed."

'No Progress in Negotiations'

PY142317 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 2310 GMT 13 Apr 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 14 Apr (NA) -- Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez stated tonight that "there has been no progress in the negotiations" on the conflict with Great Britain.

"I suggest," he told the reporters at San Martin Palace, "that you pay a lot of attention to a communique that is to be released by the secretary of state."

Costa Mendez made these statements tonight on leaving San Martin Palace for Government House.

Galtieri's Americas Day Speech

PY150225 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 0015 GMT 15 Apr 82

["Text" of President Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri's Americas Day speech issued in Buenos Aires 15 April]

[Text] Today, Americas Day, we celebrate the unity and the solidarity of the nations of our continent.

The feelings and values which nurture these ties were born from the stimulus that drove our nations to gain their sovereign status.

With the same inspiration, the free Americans then told the world that their arms were open to all the peaceful men who wanted to live with them.

It is the same spirit which built an America for the Americans so that it would also, at the same time, be an America for humanity.

It is the same spirit which guided the noblest epics, the most generous of conducts and the most open policies.

It is the spirit of San Martin, Bolivar, Washington and of many other men that vibrates with an identical echo when the time comes to speak of the freedom of the nations.

More than any other circumstance, they understood the future.

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PY160057 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 0037 GMT 16 Apr 82

[Text] Washington, 15 Apr (LATIN-REUTER) -- The White House has reported that U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Argentine President Leopoldo Galtieri today talked on the telephone and agreed on the need for a peaceful solution over the Malvinas Islands conflict.

Press Secretary's Report

PY160318 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 0250 GMT 16 Apr 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 15 Apr (TELAM) -- Rodolfo Baltierrez, press secretary of the presidency, stated tonight that President Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri held a telephone conversation tonight with his U.S. counterpart Ronald Reagan.

The text of the conversation released by the press secretary at 2320 tonight is as follows: It is a real pleasure to talk to you again, Mr President, Galtieri stated on resuming the telephone conversation initiated on 1 April, and I want to take this opportunity in this well-known conflict with Great Britain.

"President Galtieri indicated the need to seek a solution to the conflict within the framework of the UN Resolution 502 and what has been discussed by this international organization during the past 17 years as far as decolonization is concerned.

"President Galtieri explained to President Reagan the need to halt British hostilities to prevent the conflict from becoming an extremely delicate issue, difficult for the whole world to control.

"At the end of telephone conversation, Galtieri asked President Reagan to understand the feelings of the Argentine people, remembering that in 1776 the people of the United States fought against colonialism and achieved their independence, and that later, in the past century, Argentina followed the same path which was completed in 1982.

"Present with the president during the conversation were Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez, and military Household Chief Rear Adm Roberto Benito Moya."

REPORTAGE ON HAIG VISIT, TALKS WITH COSTA MENDEZ

Costa Mendez on Visit

PY151426 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1350 GMT 15 Apr 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 15 Apr (TELAM) -- Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez has noted that Argentine UK relations will be deteriorated for some time since the UK has reacted in an absurd, exaggerated and completely unjustified manner such as they have not done for any reason since World War II.

Regarding Gen Alexander Haig's arrival, the foreign minister said that he had not been specifically invited by the Argentine Government, but that since Haig had offered to come the Argentine Government had invited him.

Moreover, he said that he still does not know the time of Haig's arrival.

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ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION CONDEMNS EEC SANCTIONS

PY171951 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 1850 GMT 17 Apr 82

[Excerpt] Montevideo, 17 Apr (LATIN-REUTER) -- Carlos Alzamora, permanent secretary of the Latin American Economic System (SELA), in a statement released in Caracas on Thursday denounced the economic sanctions applied against Argentina by the EEC and countries outside the Latin American region in support of colonial interests. He said this is a very serious act which should be submitted for the collective consideration of the Latin American countries as soon as possible.

He said the situation should serve to start up the defense mechanisms foreseen by SELA in such cases. Among possible joint actions, he mentioned a similar treatment of exports from those countries.

The president of the Andean Pact said, however, in a dialogue with the press that it was not appropriate that the pact countries should cease importing from or exporting to Great Britain as a reprisal to the EEC attitude toward Argentina.

According to the SELA secretary, the sanctions ordered by the EEC show clearly the imperative need for regional solidarity and coordination in defense of interests which now prove to be essentially common, and the need for Latin America to strengthen and enliven its mechanisms for concerted action.

ANDEAN PACT MARKETS REMAIN OPEN TO ARGENTINA

PY180436 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 1945 GMT 17 Apr 82

[Excerpts] Lima, 17 Apr (LATIN-REUTER) -- The chairman of the Andean Pact Commission, Orlando Alcivar, today asserted that the markets of the subregion are open so that Argentina may buy and sell products for so long as the EEC boycott against Argentina lasts. Alcivar added: This is designed to help member countries of the Latin American community and of the Latin American Integration Association [LAIA].

Alcivar said at a press conference that the Andean Pact knows of the events and that they deplore acts of the EEC and all the industrialized countires that have approved the boycott. Alcivar stated: We condemned the EEC measures against Argentina during a meeting of representatives of the Andean countries, which are Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

For his part, the Ecuadorean representative, Washington Herrera, who is a member of the board -- a technical organization under the Andean Pact -- stated that the subregional organization this morning signed a document approving a resolution that requests that the UK lift economic sanctions against Argentina. The Andean group wants to contribute positively in the face of the adverse measures against Argentina. We want to buy more and sell more to Argentina, Herrera added.

The Argentine situation was reviewed, and through consensus it has been decided to act in solidarity and in a concrete fashion through a faster trade exchange, now that Argentina has been affected by the economic blockade, said Herrera. Herrera reasserted that the Andean Pact will not only release a document of protest, but also that it condemns the EEC measures. We have signed a clear and forceful declaration, said Herrera, who, along with Alcivar, was asked about the matter before their departure.

In the Andean Pact's document of solidarity, the commission asked the board for an analysis of the present economic and trade relations between Argentina and the Andean Pact with a view to increasing Argentine exchange with the subregion and with the other LAIA member countries.

Herrera asserted that the boycott imposed in the wake of the Argentine-UK conflict over the Malvinas Islands has been received with deep concern and that they believe the measure aggravates the dispute between the two countries.

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PA200107 Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish 2330 GMT 19 Apr 82

[Text] Bogota -- The Latin American Parliament today asked the European Economic Community to reconsider the embargo on commercial negotations with Argentina. The request was made by the parliament's president, Gilberto Avila Botta.

[Begin Avila recording] Already serious situations are being observed, mainly in the suspension of shipments of meat and wheat and the absence of cargo vessels needed by Argentina and which are presently in European ports.

The political organization of greatest authority and importance in the EEC is the European Parliament. Therefore we, its Latin American colleagues, have asked for its cooperation in obtaining the suspension of the blockade in order to avoid serious economic difficulties to Argentina as result of an international political problem such as that of the Malvinas Islands. [end recording]

Avila Botta added that in view of the situation Argentina is now facing, the parliament's directors will meet soon in Lima to review commercial and political topics.

ANDEAN PACT ELECTS NEW BOARD 17 APRIL

PY172300 Paris AFP in Spanish 1930 GMT 17 Apr 82

[Text] Lima, 17 Apr (AFP) -- The Andean Pact, which is an organization under the Cartagena Accord, elected a new board here today that will start operating on 1 July 1982.

The new board is made up of Edgar Millares Reyes of Bolivia, Edgardo Moncaryo Jumenez of Colombia and Pedro Carmona Estanga of Venezuela, who was a member of the outgoing board.

The outgoing members are Peruvian Ambassador Jose de la Puente and Educadorean economist Washington Herrera, who were thanked for their services.

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RIO PACT CONSULTATIVE GROUP TO MEET 26 APRIL

PY202032 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1935 GMT 20 Apr 82

[Excerpt] Washington, 20 Apr (NA) -- The Consultative Group of the Inter-American Reciprocal Assistance Treaty [TIAR] will meet Monday, 26 April, according to a resolution approved here today by 18 votes by the OAS Permanent Council that met today by request of Argentina. Three countries abstained from voting: The United States, Colombia and Trinidad and Tobago.

Argentine representative Raul Quijano asked the Consultative Group of TIAR to meet Monday to give more time to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig on his peace mission. Quijano added that should events precipitate before Monday which could endanger the continent, the meeting of the TIAR group could be advanced.

Colombian Abstention 'Inexplicable'

PY210653 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 2150 GMT 20 Apr 82

[Excerpts] Washington, 20 Apr (NA) -- A high-level spokesman for the Argentine mission to the OAS has termed "inexplicable" Colombia's abstention in the vote on approval of the foreign ministers meeting as a step prior to application of the Inter-American Reciprocal Assistance Treaty (TIAR). The OAS Permanent Council met today and decided to convoke the foreign ministers of the countries that signed the Rio de Janeiro agreement for next Monday, based on 18 favorable votes and the abstention of Colombia, the United States and Trinidad and Tobago.

The source declined to make a critical judgment of the Colombian attitude, but reported that the opinion of the delegations of the other countries is that "an ambiguous attitude which emerged in the last meeting on the South Atlantic crisis became clear before the community." The source added that in the opinion of the different delegations "Colombia has been isolated" from the context of Latin American nations, which the source termed "sister republic more than before."

The source indicated that the U.S. abstention was understandable since "the United States previously announced its intention to keep outside the vote in order to protect its mediation role in the dispute," adding that "the same happened with Trinidad, but there is by no possible explanation for the Colombian attitude." The source added that "the ambiguous attitude of the Colombian delegation was made clear in the last few days, and therefore I can say now that in one way or another we expected a negative decision from that nation."

Colombian Minister Explains

PA201931 Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in Spanish 1730 GMT 20 Apr 82

[Text] Bogota -- Colombia rejects any forceful solution to the Malvinas conflict. For this reason it did not vote for the resolution on applying the Inter-American Reciprocal Assistance Treaty [TIAR] at the OAS council. Argentina requested the application of this treaty yesterday. Colombian Ambassador Carlos Bernal voted with government authorization, granted through Foreign Minister Carlos Lemos Simmonds. The foreign minister explained the Colombian position as follows:

[Begin recording] Our country feels that solving any controversy through force is absurd, because the state that has to subject itself to the orders and power of another will never regard the solution as final. Therefore the controversy becomes endless and the state that looses what it feels are its rights will only wait for an opportunity to regain them, also by force. All of this destroys the legal balance among nations and places mankind, and in this case the continent, in a very dangerous situation.

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ANDEAN GROUP IMPROVES ECONOMIC TIES WITH ARGENTINA

PA201547 Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish 1230 GMT 20 Apr 82

[Text] The commission of the Cartagena Agreement, which is composed of plenipotentiary ministers of the member countries of the Andean Pact, has approved a resolution of solidarity with Argentina regarding its territorial claim over the Malvinas Islands. The commission also announced that its member countries will open their markets to Argentina to ease the effects of the economic embargo resulting from de facto steps adopted by several industrialized countries [against Argentina]. (Washington Herrera), corrdinator of the board of the Cartagena Agreement, announced:

[Begin recording] We wish to open our markets as a token of our deep Latin American solidarity. Furthermore, we do this because we view this embargo, these coercive measures, as part of the North-South struggle and we fully back Argentina.

[Question] Will the Andean group reap any benefit from this crisis?

[Answer] We do not seek any benefits. We seek to show solidarity. Later on, if we wish to establish joint programs, we will call a meeting of the Andean-Argentine mixed commission in order to do additional profound work. However, in this emergency we are prepared to buy more from Argentina. [end recording]

Reiterating the decision, Orlando Alcivar Santos, Ecuadoran minister of industry, commerce and integration said.

[Begin recording] The resolution consists of a declaration that the problem between Argentina and Great Britain has been noted and a statement that the Andean group will open its markets to Argentina to ease the impact of the economic embargo that some industrialized countries have imposed on Argentina. Additionally, it was decided to instruct the board of the Cartagena Agreement to make a deep and exhaustive analysis of Argentina's relations with the Andean group to find better ways to expand our trade.

[Question] What trade options are going to be established [word indistinct]?

[Answer] No specific decision was adopted, but only the general ones that I have just mentioned. In other words, the Andean group has stated that it will open its markets to Argentina but no specific measures other than the ones that I have mentioned were adopted.

[Question] Would it be feasible for the Andean group to benefit from any conflict between Argentina and Great Britain?

[Answer] I think the increment [as heard] can be expanded in some way but not very significantly because the goods that the industrialized countries can supply to Argentina are different from the ones that the Andean group countries can supply. Conversely, the goods that are imported by the industrialized countries from Argentina are also different from those that are imported by the Andean countries. Therefore, the step is more one of continental solidarity than of real economic assistance for quantitiative reasons. [end recording]

COLOMBIA'S LEMOS SIMMONDS TO ATTEND OAS MEETING

PA212105 Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in Spanish 1730 GMT 21 Apr 82

[Text] Bogota -- The Colombian Government today announced that it will attend the meeting of foreign ministers to be held in Washington on Monday at the OAS request.

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BOLIVIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER ON OAS STAND

PY221516 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1440 GMT 22 Apr 82

[Text] La Paz, 22 Apr (TELAM) -- Foreign Minister Gonzalo Romero Alvarez Garcia will travel on Saturday to Washington to participate in the extraordinary meeting of foreign ministers that must analyze the implementation of the Inter-American Reciprocal Defense Treaty [as received] due to the conflict in the South Atlantic. This was confirmed today by the Bolivian Foreign Ministry.

Romero Alvarez Garcia asserted yesterday that Bolivia's position is well known by everyone: It voted in Argentina's favor and this attitude will be maintained during the Washington meeting. President Gen Celso Torrelio Villa yesterday sent a note to his Argentine colleague, Gen Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri, telling him that Argentina can count on the solidarity of the Bolivian people and government and he reiterated his support regarding the recovery of the Malvinas Islands.

PARAGUAY'S NOGUES TO ATTEND OAS MEETING

PY221345 Asuncion ABC COLOR in Spanish 22 Apr 82 p 12

[Excerpts] Reliable sources yesterday reported that Paraguayan Foreign Minister Alberto Nogues will attend the consultative meeting that has been called by the OAS's Permanent Council next Monday to discuss the possibility of implementing the Inter-American Reciprocal Assistance Treaty (TIAR).

According to what has been learned, Nogues yesterday held a long meeting with President Alfredo Stroessner, during which they again reviewed the Anglo-Argentine conflict over the sovereignty of the Malvinas Islands.

Although there has not been any official confirmation yet, Nogues will presumably leave for Washington next Saturday. It has been learned that Nogues will be accompanied by Mario Lopez Escobar, the Paraguayan ambassador to the OAS, and probably by Carlos Augusto Saldivar, the president of the commission for foreign affairs of the senate.

In reliable circles of the Foreign Ministry it was stated yesterday that, as public opinion knows, Paraguay will support the need for a peaceful solution to the present Anglo-Argentine conflict at the OAS meeting through the implementation of the rules and procedures provided by international law.

It has also been stated that Paraguay, as an American country, will voice its solidarity with Argentina. This attitude has already been demonstrated at the OAS meeting which was held last Tuesday, and in which Paraguay voted in favor of the call for a meeting of foreign ministers.

CHILE'S GALDAMES WILL NOT ATTEND OAS MEETING

PY230440 Santiago Chile Domestic Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 23 Apr 82

[Text] Foreign Minister Rene Rojas Galdames will not travel to Washington. He has said that Chile will be represented at next Monday's OAS meeting by Chilean Ambassador Pedro Dasa.

The OAS meeting will consider the Argentine request to apply the Inter-American Reciprocal Assistance Treaty to its dispute with Britain.

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PAN-AMERICAN MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON DECRY ATTACK

PY251717 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1601 GMT 25 Apr 82

[Text] Washington, 25 Apr (TELAM) -- The report on the British attack on the South Georgia Island, over which Argentina has sovereignty, provoked astonishment and indignation among high-ranking Latin American officials who are here now.

Many Latin American foreign ministers are beginning to arrive here today to meet tomorrow to listen to the Argentine position and to its reasons for requesting an urgent application of the inter-American defense treaty due to the British aggression on its territory. Upon learning about the British attack on Argentine territory, the high-ranking officials first expressed surprise, then indignation. The truth is that this attack took place at a time when negotiations are still underway, when Argentine Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez is here and will reportedly meet with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig within the framework of these negotiations. Great Britain has become an aggressor country and will be treated accordingly, not only by Argentina, but by Latin America at large, a Latin American diplomat said.

SELA ON EEC SANCTIONS AGAINST ARGENTINA

PA241749 Madrid EFE in Spanish 2219 GMT 23 Apr 82

[Text] Caracas, 23 Apr (EFE) -- SELA Permanent Secretary Carlos Alzamora said today that the developed countries' economic sanctions against Argentina should lead to an intensification of fruitful trade among Latin American nations.

According to Alzamora, "Latin America must take advantage of the economic blockade that the EEC has imposed on Argentina, which has deserved the rejection of all regional political and economic organizations, to expand and give new dynamism to interregional trade."

He stressed that this trade should be intensified in the food area, "where the subsidized production of those EEC countries has distorted our traditional domestic flow, harming our agricultural sector." According to him, the industrial sector has suffered as a result of the excessive imports from the European nations, which today have formed a bloc against Argentina. SELA's proposal will soon be discussed at a meeting of its Latin American Council so that the necessary measures can be adopted. Finally the SELA official stressed that the sanctions against Argentina represent "the most serious economic threat the Latin American community has ever confronted."

CARIBBEAN NEWSMEN END CONFERENCE IN ST GEORGES

PA221350 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 20 Apr 82

[Text] The first Caribbean newsmens conference ended on Monday in St Georges, capital of Grenada. A final declaration was approved stressing that it is the duty and responsibility of the journalist to give information that will contribute to the aspirations of the peoples of the area. The document condemns the Ocean Venture 82 maneuvers in the Caribbean planned by the U.S. Government. It also states that Reagan's plan for that area is an insult to the integrity, dignity and national sovereignty of the peoples of the Caribbean. The declaration also stresses the importance of democratization of the mass media and praises the work of the governments of Cuba and Grenada. The document adds that only through this democratization process can the destabilizing activity -- propaganda against Grenada, Cuba, Suriname, Nicaragua and the just cause of the Salvadoran patriots -- be faced successfully. The delegates, representing more than 20 countries at this first Caribbean newsmen's conference, approved a document in support of a peaceful solution to the Salvadoran conflict and asked for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from that Central American country.

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